## SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE



DuWayne Gregory, Presiding Officer

## **Press Release**

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## PRESIDING OFFICER GREGORY COMMENDS LOCAL BUSINESS FOR DONATION TO MILITARY FAMILY



Amityville, NY – Suffolk County Legislature Presiding Officer DuWayne Gregory commended Gail and Gene Walker, owners of Premier Rubber Company, for donating a children's play set and play surface to the family of NY Air National Guard Major Mike Parisi.

Major Parisi was on tour overseas when the owners of Premier Rubber Company became aware that his children's outdoor play set was in need of a surface. They generously donated not only a new playground surface, but a new play set as well.

Premier Rubber Company, located in East Farmingdale, collects, recycles and reuses rubber to produce products including rubber speed bumps, rubber mulch and playground surfaces. They are the largest supplier in the industry, recycling over 53 million pounds of material a year. They were recently chosen as the 2014 NYS Small Business Development Center Manufacturer of the Year.

"When you are serving our Country away from your family, there's a great sense of peace in knowing there is a community back home that supports your family," said Presiding Officer Gregory. "I applaud Premier Rubber Company for their generosity and support of our brave military personnel."

Presiding Officer Gregory is pictured with Major Parisi as he presents Gail and Gene Walker with a framed American flag that was flown in their honor during a mission abroad.

Pictured from left: Major Mike Parisi, NY Air National Guard, 106<sup>th</sup> Logistics Readiness Squadron; Presiding Officer Gregory, Gene Walker and Gail Walker.

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